Road Accidents

†2595. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to stop increasing number of road accidents on National Highways;

(b) whether Government have identified more areas as the most accidental areas; and

(c) the number of two lane roads in Uttar Pradesh which are proposed to be converted into four lane?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents on National Highways are as under:

(1) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(3) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(4) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(5) Organizing All India Essay competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(6) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(7) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.

(b) The analysis of accident data and remedial action arising there from is a continuous ongoing exercise.

(c) In addition to the four-laning of National Highways under National Highway Development Programme, Phase-I (Golden Quadrilateral) and Phase-ll (North-South, East-West Corridors), seven stretches of National Highways have been identified in Uttar Pradesh.

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